

**William Crawford to George Washington, April 20, 1771,
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FROM CAPTAIN WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

Aprial 20th 1771

SIR

Agreeable to your Request I want¹ to vew Colo. Cro[g]hans Land but before it cold be done the Line was to [be] run which I Attended [to] and vewd. the [w]hole, but cold not find the Quantity of Land you wanted nor one thousand [acres] such as you wanted or such as I would have to be Laid of as he wanted me to Lay it of, there was som good Land on Rockoon² Creek along they Creek but very hilley of from the Creek they hills of they Poorest sort all Piney where the bottoms is of any goodness, What Land is worth anything is alredy taken by som body that coms within the Line we run, but the Cols is not Content with that Line as he thinks it dos not includ Lands enough I am Afraid he has not a proper title to what he now is Claiming, but I have waved giveing him any certain Answear about the Land any how as Long as I can Posably avoid it, I have found som good Tracts of Land on the head of Shirtees Creek and the head of Rockoon Creek that is good Level farming Land and good Medow but not that Quantity you want I beleve I can procure you a Tract in one body of 3000 Acres very good well watered and about 15 or 20 Miles from the Fort I have not told him where the Land Lys and I am Afraid to tell him till he Runs the Line for I think if he new of it he would run it in one purpose to have the Seling of it to you as

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he Peeks him self much upon it, and makes it a handle to all bargain he is on Making with other People

I have told him that I have found som Land, and if it Coms in his Land or in his Line I will agree with him for it I have Run it out and have hired som hands to work on it in order to hold the Land till I now how to com by a right for it as it is very good. I think you may have between 3 or 4 thousand Acres in on body very good Land for farming

You may Depend on my being as casous³ as you cold wish in every Pertiquelor of the Solder Lands⁴ and as soon as I can finish the out Lins shall wait on you which I hop will be in the first of Augt. I shall the [n] run out Lins going Down and the River coming back as it then it will be Low and I can Mashure up the beach, you shall hear from me by all safe Oppertunitys

I am Sir your most Huml Sarvant W., CRAWFORD

1 Went.

2 Raccoon.

3 Cautious.

4 Soldier lands. William Crawford had been appointed surveyor of the 400,000 acres granted to the officers of the Virginia regiment.